

DETAILED ACTION

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(c), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(c) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on February 20, 2008 has been entered.

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brad Y. Chin, Reg. No. 52-738 (Tel. 703-720-7823) on March 1, 2008. The applicant representative, Brad Y. Chin agreed to the following changes without prejudice.

In independent claim 52, lines 3 - 6, the phrase "An apparatus comprising: a determiner to determine a path of a signal between a donor network element and a remote station, the donor network element being associated with at least one repertory, the determiner

comprising" is changed to "-- An apparatus comprising: --", and in the last line of claim 52 that is line 28, the phrase "source of the signal" is changed to "-- source of the signal to determine the path of the signal between the donor network element and the remote station --".

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 35-36, 39-47, 49-54, 57-65, and 67-69 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reason for allowance: see applicant's remarks, filed February 20, 2008, pages 12-13.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shaima Q. Aminzay whose telephone number is 571-272-7874. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM -4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mathew D. Anderson can be reached on 571-272-4177. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2618

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